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1. The DOWAAF (Committee for Voluntary Assistance to Army, Air Force and Navy) is developing a lively activity in the port of Tallinn.
2. This port has about 1800 workers and employees, and roughly 60 percent of these are members of DOWAAF, i.e., all the younger workers have been more or less forcibly enrolled in the organization. DOWAAF was more or less stagnating in Tallinn; the upsurge of activities began with the appointment of B. Slavski as chairman of the DOWAAF committee at the port.
3. Under his leadership all the younger workers are being trained in some military capacity, and some have already acquired several specialties useful in times of war. Formerly the greatest stress has been laid on target shooting and the nearby shooting gallery of the Pedagogical Institute has been requisitioned for the use of the dockworkers. There was a shooting competition in which 15 teams of 12 workers each participated. The best results were 91-92 points out of a possible 100. Each section of the port has its rifle (light) team, two of them consisting of women, which trains almost daily in preparation for competitions.
4. Another specialty stressed by the DOWAAF are antiaircraft and chemical warfare measures. Ninety per cent of all the workers have been issued in appropriate short courses, and the remaining 10 per cent will be trained.

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5. "Other courses are opened for rowing, crane and ship's motorists, automobile drivers and motorcycle drivers. These two latter groups are not as large as the two former ones. The number of motorcycles for training purposes is limited. The other courses are also hampered by lack of the proper equipment.
6. "The DOSAAF makes no secret of the fact that all these courses and training are of a military nature, in fact, they are referred to as 'voionnaia ucheba' (military training), and in recruiting trainees, the workers are urged to acquire 'voionnye spetsialnosti' (military specialties)."

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